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TAKE NOTE

Change of Leadership

The Sacramento Air Logistics Center Change of Leadership ceremony is Monday, 1 p.m. at the flagpole in front of Bldg. 1. Brig. Gen. Michael P. Wiedemer will relinquish command of the center to James C. Barone. All McClellan employees are encouraged to attend the ceremony as well as the reception at Club McClellan immediately following.

All employees are invited to attend the event, workload permitting.

Clinic two-day open house

David Grant U.S. Air Force Medical Center will be hosting an open house at the McClellan Satellite Clinic April 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the staff, ask questions, and take advantage of a convenient, quick way to enroll in Tricare Prime for either of the two recently opened satellite clinics at McClellan or the Veterans Affairs facility at Mather.

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"Completing the mission of McClellan Air Force Base with professionalism and honor"



U.S. Air Force photo by Robin Jackson

Family Fun Day

Airman 1st Class Laurie Wallace, 77th Medical Group, draws a bat on the hand of Caz Floyd, son of Staff Sgt. Kristy and Paul Floyd, 652nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, at Monday's Family Fun Day held in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Assignment team visits McClellan

By Alica Doyle
Staff Writer

There will be an enlisted assignment team from Headquarters, Air Force Materiel Command and Air Force Personnel Center, on base Monday and Tuesday.

According to Master Sgt. Jeff Skinner, Military Personnel Flight, the team will be determining assignment matches within the continental United States for members with a September 2000 date of availability. The team's visit marks a significant milestone in the ultimate completion of McClellan's mission.

"Permanent change of station of military personnel and their families is a very personal issue that must be handled sensitively," said Capt. Kevin Brooks, MPF chief. "Because it causes the most stress for our customers, the team's visit is one of the most important events the MPF will handle as McClellan approaches closure. It's critical for everyone to do their part in making the

system work."

According to Skinner, attendance for the assignment team briefings is mandatory. Squadron commanders, first sergeants or designated representatives will make an absent member's selection for them. Members should ensure their dream sheets are updated before the assignment team arrives. Dream sheets may be changed or verified through unit orderly rooms.

Assignment team briefings will be held Monday at 9, 10, and 11 a.m. and Tuesday at 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.; and 1 and 2 p.m. Briefing times have been assigned by Air Force Specialty Code and distributed by the MPF. Members unsure about their scheduled time should contact their respective units to confirm their appointments. A listing of open requirements and available bases has also been distributed. Questions about possible choices offered by the team should be directed to each unit, as well.

For more information, call Skinner at 643-5104.

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Legal.....	643-3150
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Retiree Activities.....	643-2207
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Auto pass

Q In the last year I have been on temporary duty numerous times, and every base I go to I do not need to get a pass for my car. Why is McClellan different? The TDY locations were: Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command Ohio; Hurlbert Field, Fla.; Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.; Andrews AFB, District of Columbia; Tinker AFB, Okla.; Kelly AFB, Texas.

Not one of these bases required a pass, only the blue identification card.

A Thank you for your concern regarding this matter. You may be correct in stating these bases let you on with an ID card only. Instructions concerning entry onto Air Force installations leave installation commanders with wide latitude in determining entry requirements. These requirements may be based on threat, resources housed on the installation, or even local crime rates.

At McClellan, I have determined all vehicle operators must either have their vehicle registered on base, or receive a pass which would allow for examination of all pertinent documents.

Month of the Military Child events

All events take place at the child development center. For more information, call 643-3611.

■ Parent Interaction Day, Tuesday, 10 a.m.

- Skate and Bike Day, Wednesday
- Carnival, games, face painting, April 14, 10 a.m.
- Pajama Day, April 17
- Spring egg hunt, April 21
- Parent luncheon, April 26, 11 a.m.

CREEK WEEK

Department of Fish and Game

Fishing Clinics at Howe Avenue, Saturday and at Elk Grove Regional Parks, April 15

Sacramento Audubon Society

Bird Walk at Arcade Creek, Saturday

California Native Plant Society

Mather Vernal Pools, Mather Lake, and Morrison Creek Tours, Sunday

Area Creek Weeks

Sacramento Creek Week: Friday through April 15. Clean-up April 15. Call 454-4544

Elk Grove Creek Week: Friday through April 15. Clean-up April 15. Call 685-3917

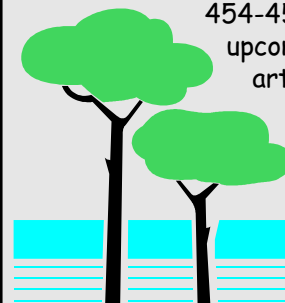
Roseville Creek Week

April 14 through 22. Clean-up April 16 and Plant Restoration at Royer Park, April 15 and 22. Call 771-2013

For more information about Creek

Week 2000 activities, call 454-4544 and watch for upcoming *Spacemaker* articles.

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False electronic media overloads people, computers

From Your Inspector General

Col. Michael F. Turner

How many of you are frustrated when you get unwanted, junky electronic stuff that was forwarded to you by someone who got it from someone else. At McClellan we've made a lot of progress in educating each other about how to recognize valid e-mail and Internet claims. I notice a greatly reduced level of chain letters and inappropriate e-mail compared to a year ago. However, the problem is still with us.

I finally found some guidance on this topic that may impress more people than a regulation would. Eben Visser, a senior software engineer with Objective Systems Integrators, Folsom, shared the following with me and I am sharing an abridged version with you.

Even though the actual author is anonymous, this piece is both humorous and *accurate* (our own communications squadron commander concurred with it) in getting out the word on chain mail, Internet hoaxes, and fake money-making schemes.

My latest rant about the junk I get as e-mail or Internet messages:

1. Big companies don't do business via chain letter. Bill Gates is not giving you \$1,000, and Disney is not giving you a free vacation. There is no baby food company issuing class-action checks. MTV will not give you backstage passes if you forward something to the most people. You can relax; there is no need to pass it on "just in case it's true."

Furthermore, just because someone said in the message, four generations back, that "we checked it out and it's legit," does not actually make it true.

2. There is no kidney theft ring in New Orleans. No one is waking up in a bathtub full of ice, even if a friend of a friend swears it happened to his cousin. If you are bent on believing the kidney-theft ring stories, please see: <http://urbanlegends.tqn.com/library/weekly/aa062997.htm>. And I quote: "The National Kidney Foundation has repeatedly issued [requests] for actual victims of organ thieves to come forward and tell their stories. None have." That's "none" as in "zero."

3. Neiman Marcus doesn't have a restaurant, and they don't really sell a cookie recipe for \$250 either. And even if they do, we all have it. And if you don't yet, you can get a free copy at: <http://www.bl.net/forwards/cookie.html>.

4. We also know exactly how many engineers, supervisors, and people from each and every world ethnicity it takes to change a light bulb.

5. Even if the latest NASA rocket disaster(s) DID contain plutonium that went to particulate over the eastern seaboard, do you REALLY think this information would reach the public via an America Online chain-letter?

6. If the address listing is regularly longer than the actual content of your message, you're probably going to burn...for all of eternity...and you will deserve it.

7. If you still absolutely MUST forward that 10th-generation

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Sacramento County warehouse sale starts Monday

By Jim Reeves
Public Affairs

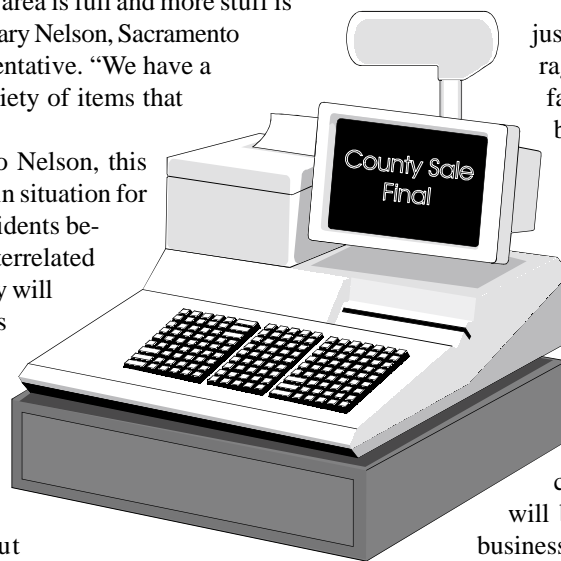
The Local Redevelopment Agency will be opening their doors to the general public for a surplus sale Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 786 I bay.

Special accommodations allowing Sacramento area residents access to this sale have been made through the Main Street Gate. To access the Main Street Gate from Interstate 80 take the Raley Boulevard exit north then turn right at Main Street.

The gate will be open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Military and civilian work force can either access the site using Department of Defense identification cards, or take advantage of the Main Street entrance open to the public.

"My staging area is full and more stuff is coming," said Gary Nelson, Sacramento County Representative. "We have a tremendous variety of items that will be sold."

According to Nelson, this will be a win-win situation for Sacramento residents because of two interrelated factors. Not only will the LRA surplus sale be open to the general public, along with McClellan employee and service personnel, but also all funds generated will be invested into base redevelopment effort requirements.



"All sales will be final, just like going to a garage sale and buying a fan. Also all items are bought as is, we're not set up for returns."

The methods of purchase are a sealed bid process or a cash and carry basis. Cash and carry will require payment to be made using cash. Sealed bid items will be taken during sale business hours. Bids will be opened on Thursday and April 14. Notification of bid results takes place April 15.

Course improves test taking skills

Have you ever wondered how to do better in school? Are you sure the ability is there, but just haven't found the secret to success in taking tests? Anyone interested in successful study and test-taking should consider the very popular one-day, 6-hour Study and Test Taking Skills course offered by the Base Education Office. Class dates are April 13 and June 1.

This is your final opportunity for this class; no additional class sessions will be offered. This excellent, very concentrated course explores areas of study such as goal-setting, learning style, effective listening,

note-taking, time management, reading and memory improvement. It includes test-taking techniques and exam anxiety management. The course was developed to help military members and civilian employees improve their study habits to obtain the greatest benefit possible from education and training programs.

Interested military should contact their military training managers to secure a class slot. Civilians should see their training coordinators, who can contact the Base Education Office at 643-4776. *(Information provided by the Base Education Office.)*

Major promotion board results in

The results of the CY00A major promotion board are in. The following Sacramento Air Logistics Center captains were selected for advancement to the rank of major:



Paul J. Simonich, Mike G. Christian, Mark E. Coluzzi and Patrick Hughes.

NCO Academy graduates, promotees reach new goals

■ March Noncommissioned Officer Academy Class 00-3 graduates:

Tech. Sgts. Andre E. Boudriault, 77th Communications Squadron; Todd M. Cogdill, 77th Support Group; Kevin S. Weber, 77th CS; Brian K. West, 77th Mission Support Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Brenda J. Williams, 77th CS.

■ March Airman Leadership School Class 00-3 graduates:

Senior Airmen Thomas J. Bryner, 938th Engineering Installation Squadron; Robert J. Giedeman, 77th CS; Tracy S. Gooden, 77th

Security Forces Squadron; Steven J. Luniewski, Jr., 77th SFS; Melissa M. Medina, 364th Recruiting Squadron; Aleza N. Petrus, 77th Medical Group; Walter F. Ray, III, 77th MSS; Eric W. Reuter, 938th EIS; Shawn D. Wanek, 77th CS; Kimberly J. Murchison, 77th Medical Group--**John Levitow Award winner**; Michelle A. Sredinski, 77th MG--**Academic Achievement Award winner**; Kenneth J. Cosgrove, Headquarters California Air National Guard -- **Leadership Award winner**.

■ April enlisted promotees:

Master Sgts: Christy Christesen, 938th EIS;

Gary A. Rhode, 364th RS.

Tech. Sgts: Charles D. Boyer, 938th EIS; Vicki J. Derks, 938th EIS; Joon P. Hong, 364th RS; John R. Price, 77th Medical Support Squadron; Elaine J. Samborski, 364th RS.

Staff Sgts: Lonnie J. Ellis, 77th MSS; Julie L. Green, 77th MSS; Scott W. Virtue, 77th SFS.

Senior Airmen: Jared R. Karakas, 938th EIS; Mary A. Labouff, 77th SFS; Sandra A. O'Neal, 77th MSS; James E. Williams, 938th EIS; Michael A. Anderson, 77th MSS; Song I. Chon, 77th CS.

Airman 1st Class: David J. Dumanski, 77th CS.

NEWS BRIEFS

Prostate health presentation

"Prostate Health: What You Need to Know" will be a special presentation by Foundation Health Federal Services at the Health and Wellness Center today from noon to 1:30 p.m. Topics to be discussed include risk factors, screenings and treatments.

For more information or to register, call the HAWC at 643-4648.

March graduates

Staff Sgt. Jonas P. Patterson, 77th Mission Support Squadron; Airman 1st Class Richard E. Taylor, 938th Engineering Installation Squadron; Airman 1st Class Cory S. Turnage, 77th Security Forces Squadron, have done an exceptional job scoring above 90 percent on their Career Development Course exam. These airmen will receive recognition during their squadron's commander's call. The Army Air Force and Exchange Service has donated two theater passes and the services division donated a round of golf.

NCOA meets at Flashback

The Central Valley Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association will conduct their monthly general membership meeting

Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. at Flashback. All members are encouraged to attend. Details for the upcoming Muscular Dystrophy Bowl-a-thon and the Cinco De Mayo Golf Tournament will be finalized. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Jim Sullivan at 643-6808.

Saturday clinic appointments to end

The final day for Saturday clinic appointments will be April 29, according to the 77th Medical Group. The McClellan Clinic will terminate Saturday services due to lack of use. Appointments will be available for all Saturdays in April, and may be scheduled by calling central appointments at 643-8400.

Military retiree office announces 2000 program

The McClellan Air Force Base Retiree Activities Office information meeting for military retirees, spouses and widows will be held at the McClellan Community Center, old NCO club, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Ken Hyde, Services Division director, will be the guest speaker. He will discuss the closing dates and future changes for the base gym, golf course, bowling alley, community center, Club McClellan and other services. All RAO volunteers should attend.

All-composite forearm crutch debuts

By Sue Baker

Wright-Patterson AFB Public Affairs

Air Force Research Laboratory's Materials and Manufacturing Technology Directorate, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, unveiled March 28 a medical application of Air Force research and development. New forearm crutches developed by a Dayton company use composite materials developed here at Wright-Patterson.

"Strong as a rock and light as a feather" are the words Jim Barone uses to describe his new forearm crutches. They are 60 percent lighter, 20 percent stronger, and 90 percent quieter than conventional aluminum crutches — and the first in the world crafted entirely of carbon fiber-reinforced polymer, a material originally developed by Air Force researchers here in the early 1970's for military and space applications.

"They are incredibly light, yet feel rock-solid," said Barone, executive director of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center, here, who has used crutches for 45 years, and is testing them to help Air Force Research Laboratory scientists assess the benefits of the new design. "Just a few ounces make a big difference when you are carrying them around all day — constantly picking them up, swinging them around, and maneuvering them to make sure they don't slip."

"They are amazingly quiet — my staff calls them the 'stealth' crutches, because they can no longer hear me coming," Barone said. "And they look so good — sleek and clean, with a black painted finish that blends in with most clothing — my wife wants me to wear them to our daughter's wedding in May. What higher compliment could be paid to the aesthetics of the design?"

The new crutch design was born about three years ago, as a cooperative research and development effort among AFRL's Materials and Manufacturing Technology Directorate; Ergonomics Inc., a Dayton

firm; and the Wright Technology Network, which promotes government-business partnerships and opportunities across Ohio.

"Design and materials for forearm crutches, typically used by individuals with disabilities in their lower extremities, date back to the 1920's," said Steve Donaldson, AFRL materials research engineer. "Current crutches are heavy, weighing about five pounds per pair. And in time, they become terribly noisy.

A drawback to current crutch designs is they wear out too fast. "Most users replace their crutches, which range in cost from \$60 to \$100, at intervals between two months and a year," Donaldson said.

Advantages of the new design are many, according to Donaldson. "The primary, load-bearing parts of the new crutches ... can now be purchased commercially," he explained. "The central intersection fitting, though die-cast from aluminum, has three protruding tubes over which the composite tubes slide, and to which they are bonded with adhesive. This part is designed so that if the hand grip is overloaded, the aluminum will yield before the composite tubes break, warning the user well in advance that something catastrophic is about to happen."

And the fitting advantages of the new crutch are many for future, potential users, according to Donaldson. "Anyone located anywhere in the world would only need to provide two dimensions — the distance between the end of the rubber foot and the handle; and from the handle to the middle of the cuff — via fax or e-mail to the manufacturer," he said. "The manufacturer could then pull two pre-rolled composite tubes from stock; cut them into three measured pieces; bond the pieces together



U.S. Air Force photo by Robin Jackson

James C. Barone, executive director of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center, stands with his new crutches.

with adhesive; cure them; add the last few parts (rubber foot, cuff and foam grip); and ship to the customer."

Joyce Young, president of Ergonomics Inc., said her company first became involved with the project through Wright Technology Network, which helped her investigate production sources.

"WTN arranged the cooperative research and development agreement with AFRL's Materials and Manufacturing Technology Directorate, to research stress points and stability factors for forearm crutches," Young explained. "In 1996, we joined representatives from AFRL, the U.S. Army, a manufacturer of composite hockey-sticks, and several other experts on composites and human engineering, to discuss the optimum design for a forearm crutch made of composite materials."

Ergonomics' technology agreement with AFRL is typical of most cooperative research and development activities, with five percent of the gross sales of the new crutch design to be returned each year to the laboratory, according to Young.

FYIG from Page 3

message from a friend, at least have the decency to trim the eight miles of headers showing everyone else who's received it over the last six months. Besides, if it has gone around that many times—we've probably already seen it.

8. The "Make a Wish" foundation is a real organization doing fine work, but they have had to establish a special toll free hotline in response to the large number of Internet hoaxes using their good name and reputation. It is distracting them from the important work they do.

9. The American Cancer Society TAKES donations, they do not MAKE donations. They do NOT judge your case based on how many stories have been e-mailed on your behalf.

10. While we're on it, there is no software that tracks where an e-mail has gone to and how many people saw it.

11. There is no "Good Times" virus. In fact, you should never, ever, ever forward any e-mail containing any virus warning unless you first confirm it at an actual site of an actual company that actually deals with viruses. See <http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/hoax.html> or <http://ciac.llnl.gov/ciac/CIACHoaxes.html>. And you cannot get a virus from a flashing Instant Message, you have to download ... ya know, like a FILE!

12. If you are one of those zealots who forwards anything that promises "something bad will happen if you don't," then something bad ought to happen to you if you do...

13. Bottom Line ... composing e-mail or posting something on the Internet is as easy as writing on the walls of a public restroom. Don't automatically believe it unless it's proven ... Got it? Good. Now, forward this message to 10 friends and you will win the \$1,000,000 Publishers Clearinghouse sweepstakes.

FOCUS CENTER

This section contains some of the job announcements available at the McClellan Air Force Base FOCUS Center. For additional information, contact the FOCUS Center, Bldg. 9, at 643-5661. The center is open until 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Note: Copies of the vacancy announcements are available in the FOCUS Center. Review the announcement and contact the agency for KSAs and/or additional information.

Position: Supervisory Electrical Engineer, GS-850-12

ANNC#: BOR-MP-00-066

Close: April 28

Location: Folsom, CA

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

POC: Inga Hall (916) 978-5471

Remarks: See note.

Position: Hydraulic Engineer, GS-810-12

ANNC#: BOR-MP-00-69

Close: April 28

Location: Sacramento, CA

Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

POC: Inga Hall (916) 978-5471

Remarks: See note.

Position: Power System Control Craftsman Trainee 5 (\$23.77 per hour)

ANNC#: 00-219-DE

Close: Indefinite

Location: Throughout the Western States

Agency: Department of Energy

POC: Kathy Spengler (503) 230-3055

Remarks: See note.

Position: Engineering Equipment Operator, WG-5716-08

ANNC#: R5IBET-316-00

Close: April 12

Location: El Dorado County

Agency: Forest Service

POC: Nancie Wilson (530) 642-5186

Remarks: Positions filled may be less than full time. See note.

Position: Support Services Specialist, GS-342-05/09

ANNC#: MSPII-SFR-00-11

Close: April 13

Location: San Francisco, CA

Agency: Dept of Justice

POC: (415) 844-5110

Remarks: See note.

Position: Rehabilitation Technician, GS-181-09

ANNC#: VA-1-00-0439

Close: April 7

Location: Oakland, CA

Agency: Veterans Health Administration

POC: Adriana Gracias (310) 268-4150

Remarks: See note.

Position: Purchasing Agent, GS-1105-05

ANNC#: FS-DS-0-0375

Close: April 10

Location: Fremont, CA

Agency: Fish & Wildlife Service

POC: (415) 744-5627

Remarks: See note.

Position: Power System Control Craftsman, BB-2604-00 (\$30.59 per hour)

ANNC#: 00-218-DE

Close: Indefinite

Location: Throughout the Western States

Agency: Department of Energy

POC: Kathy Spengler (503) 230-3055

Remarks: See note.

Federal job fair

The FOCUS Center is sponsoring a Federal Government Job Fair, April 19, from 1 - 4 p.m. in the base Community Center, Bldg. 1425.

For additional information, call Greg Eason at 643-5661.

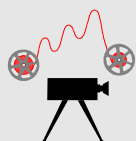
NOTE: Administrative leave **IS AUTHORIZED** for this function.

**Tinker AFB opens
Greenborder
announcement**

Tinker Air Force Base Operating Location is opening a Greenborder Announcement for an Equipment Specialist (Electronics), GS-1670-12. This announcement is open through April 15. Only career, career conditional and Veterans Reappointment Authority employees working on and serviced by McClellan Air Force Base are eligible to apply. Selection of employees will require a signed Relocation and Mobility Agreement.

AFLC Form 4999 may be picked up in the FOCUS Center or at the reception desk in Bldg. 10.

Movies



Movies start at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, in Bldg. 1417. Movies are subject to change.

Boiler Room - Friday

Starring: Giovanni Ribisi, Vin Diesel

Welcome to the infamous "boiler room" of J. T. Marlin where twenty something millionaires are made overnight. Here, in the inner sanctum of a fly-by-night brokerage firm, hyper-aggressive young stockjocks peddle to unsuspecting buyers over the phone - and are rewarded with mansions, Ferraris and more luxury toys than they know what to do with. (R - Strong language and some drug content)

Scream 3 - Saturday and Sunday

Starring: David Arquette, Neve Campbell

Scream 3 takes place in Hollywood during production of "Stab 3, Return to Woodsboro," a thriller which raises troubling questions about the events that terrified the town of Woodsboro and continue to haunt Sidney Prescott. Three-and-a-half years after leaving Windsor College, Sidney has settled into a life of quiet seclusion in Northern California. (R - Strong horror, language and violence)

Youth Center

■ **Today:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-3 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; advanced gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Tae Bo Aerobics, 6:15-7:15 p.m., ages 11 and up, free. Moms, Pops, and Tots, 10-11 a.m.

■ **Friday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open snack bar 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-6 p.m.; Skate Night, ages 5-8, 6:30-8:30 p.m., members \$2, nonmembers \$4.

■ **Saturday:** Open recreation and snack bar from noon to 5 p.m.

■ **Sunday:** Closed

■ **Monday:** Open recreation and gym, 2-6 p.m.; snack bar, 2-5 p.m.

■ **Tuesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 4:15-6 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; beginning gymnastics, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

■ **Wednesday:** Open recreation, 2-6 p.m.; open gym, 2-5:15 p.m.; open snack bar, 2-5 p.m.; beginning dance lessons, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Office hours are Monday-Friday, noon to 6 p.m.

Events are subject to change without notice, however, the youth center makes every effort to have advertised activities available.

Youth photography winners



U.S. Air Force photo by Robin Jackson

A picture is worth a thousand words, or in this case \$100 to each of our 2nd place winners of the Air Force Youth Photography Contest. The McClellan Air Force Base Youth center is proud to announce that two of our own members received recognition for their entries, 'The Harpist' by Sharon Becker (left) and 'Mystic Beauty' by Hanna Smoot (right), starting off from a base-wide to Air Force Materiel Command and then to Air Force wide competition. Becker, 16-years-old, won 2nd place under the Youth category of People subject and Smoot, 16-years-old, won 2nd place under the Youth category of Scenic and Nature at the final competition. Congratulations to the both of you from the McClellan community!

Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team challenges, dazzles McClellan Jets

The McClellan Air Force Base Youth Center is sponsoring the Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team which is bringing dazzling ball handling tricks, hilarious comedy routines and spectacular slam dunks to the Talbot Fitness Center April 14.

The tip off for the show starts at 6 p.m. with the doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Come out and support the McClellan AFB Jets as they challenge the Ambassadors.

The game is open to all base personnel and is sure to include friendly competition and a great deal of interaction with members of the audience. Players are signing autographs following the game.

Tickets are free for everyone and advance

tickets are available at the youth center. For more information, call 643-2074.

The Ambassadors are led by Lade Majie, Queen of Show Basketball. She has more experience as a show basketball performer than any woman in history. Majie was the first female member in the 30-year history of the renowned Harlem Wizards, an organization that included National Basketball Association Hall of Famers like Connie Hawkins and Nate Archibald. Additionally, she played competitive ball overseas and was a Big Eight All-Decade team selection for the University of Missouri.

(Information provided by the McClellan AFB Youth Center)

Boys and Girls Club celebrates with alumni

The McClellan Boys and Girls Club is celebrating Boys and Girls Club Week Monday through April 15 for all alumni members. All are invited to come and take a tour and observe the gymnastics, dance classes and art club displays. April 19, from 5 to 6 p.m., there will be an open house for all alumni to enjoy cookies and punch and make new friends or see old friends. Other activities include craft day Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. and Tae Bo Aerobics Thursday from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Crew departs McClellan on one of three KC-135s left

By Jennifer Vargas
Staff Writer

A crew from McClellan will depart Friday aboard one of only three KC-135 Stratotankers left on base.

After being here for more than one year for its scheduled depot maintenance, the \$52.2 million dollar aircraft is headed for PEMCO Aeroplex, Inc., Birmingham, Ala., a contractor for the KC-135 System Program Director at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Okla. The tanker will then receive additional, major structural repair before it moves on to another military installation, according to Gary Hampton, aircraft management director.

"Every so many years, aircraft are cycled into the depot for scheduled maintenance," said Hampton.

But, according to Hampton, because McClellan's mission is scaling down in response to the base closure, the aircraft is being turned over to a contractor for completion of repairs.

While undergoing scheduled depot maintenance, the aircraft are virtually taken apart and put back together to locate any problems and make repairs.

"The maintenance might include anything from cockpit rewiring to structural repair," Hampton explained.

With just two aircraft left here, it's a sure sign things are coming to a close, Hampton said.

"It's somewhat of a relief to see it [the KC-135] go, but at the same time it's sad because we're getting to the end of the aircraft directorate mission," Hampton said.

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U.S. Air Force photo

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mission of Global Engagement. Nearly all internal fuel can be pumped through the tanker's flying boom, the KC-135's primary fuel transfer method. A special shuttlecock-shaped drogue, attached to and trailed behind the flying boom, may be used to refuel aircraft fitted with probes. An operator stationed in the rear of the plane controls the boom.

A cargo deck above the refueling system can hold a mixed load of passengers and cargo. Depending on fuel storage configuration, the KC-135 can carry up to 83,000 pounds of cargo.

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Car -- 92 Honda Accord LX, 96K miles, exc cond, 5-spd, AM/FM cass, AC, factory tinted windows, alarm, car cover, \$7,000 obo. Call Lynn at 424-9971.

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